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Dear Dr. Evenson:

Thank you for your cordial letter of January 16. I would be honored to give such a lecture in Powell's West, and not having had an earlier opportunity to visit Southern Arizona would look forward to the occasion with delight.

Unfortunately, you could not knowingly have chosen a less propitious or less harrassed time in my own affairs. For this reason which is entirely beyond my control I must regretfully decline for the present occasion. I am truly sorry to have to pass over this opportunity.

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Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg Professor of Genetics

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